

Petroleum Reimbursement Funds
FOD Fund



Upreach Therapeutic Riding Center, Goffstown

Overview

The Upreach Therapeutic Riding Center is located in Goffstown. This non-profit specializes in horse related riding therapies for the handicapped. Upreach has been in operation for 15 years, and is a North American Riding for the Handicapped Association Premier Accredited Center with 13 horses, five instructors, 75-85 participants and over 120 volunteers. Upreach is heavily dependent on volunteer and funding raising support and is not in a position to pay for expensive environmental work on its property. DES provided assistance to Upreach in 2005 to address drums of hazardous waste that had been dumped on its property. DES also

utilized federal funds to close two unused underground storage tanks at the property. Unfortunately, one of the two underground storage tanks was found to be leaking when the tanks were closed in April 2007. Groundwater contamination was present in the excavation and a trace of a poly aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) was detected in the drinking water supply. DES requested the completion of a site investigation in September 2007. Site investigations typically cost approximately \$20,000. In the case of Upreach, the release was from an on-premise heating oil tank and the cost is eligible for reimbursement from the Fuel Oil Discharge Cleanup Fund (FOD Fund). The FOD Fund also has a provision where the contractor can apply directly to the fund. This means that Upreach will not have to pay for the contractor upfront nor wait for months to receive reimbursement.

At A Glance:

Site Location: Goffstown

Site Profile: Therapeutic Riding Center

Reimbursements: up to \$20,000 approved

Outcomes:

- Leaking fuel oil tank addressed.
- Non-profit resources preserved.



(Left) Upreach barn with hazardous waste drums prior to disposal. (Right) Upreach participant.